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Note by the Conference secretariat

The Conference secretariat has the honour to make available to Conference participants, as received and in the language of submission only, the attached report of the Second ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth, which was held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 17 and 18 November 1997.

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REPORT
OF THE SECOND ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON YOUTH
KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA
17 - 18 November 1997.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Second ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 17 - 18 November 1997, preceded by a Senior Officials Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 14 to 15 November 1997.

2. The Meeting was attended by H.E. the Honorable Pehin Orang Kaya Digadong Seri Lela Dato Seri Paduka Haji Awang Hussain, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports of Brunei Darussalam; H.E. Mr. Hayono Isman, State Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports of the Republic of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Phongsanee Gnouttitham, Deputy Secretary-General of the Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union; H.E. Tan Sri Dato' Hj. Muhyiddin b. Hj. Mohd. Yassin, Minister of Youth and Sports of Malaysia and H.E. Dato' Loke Yuen Yow, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports of Malaysia; H.E. U Than Shwe, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office of the Union of Myanmar; H.E. Mrs. Amina Rasul Bernardo, Presidential Advisor for Youth Affairs of the Philippines; H.E. Mr. Lim Hng Kiang, Minister for National Development, Second Minister for Foreign Affairs and Chairman of National Youth Council of the Republic of Singapore; H.E. Mr Prasit Damrongchai, Permanent Secretary to Prime Minister, Thailand; H.E. Mr. Vu Trong Kim, Chairman of the Vietnam National Youth Committee, Vietnam and their respective delegations. H.E. Dato' Ajit Singh, Secretary-General of ASEAN, and members of his staff were also in attendance. The full list of Delegates and Observer appears as **ANNEX 1**.

AGENDA ITEM 1: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

H.E. Tan Sri Dato' Hj. Muhyiddin Hj. Mohd. Yassin, Minister of Youth and Sports of Malaysia, and H.E. U Than Shwe, Minister in the Prime

Minister's Office of the Union of Myanmar were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ADDRESS BY THE HONOURABLE CHAIRMAN

4. The Chairman, H.E. Tan Sri Dato' Hj. Muhyiddin Hj. Mohd. Yassin, Minister of Youth and Sports of Malaysia, in his welcome address, noted that the First ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth in Jakarta had made a significant decision to enhance the role of youth in this region. He further noted with appreciation that the recommendations of the First Ministerial Meeting had been successfully implemented. Having achieved considerable progress in this area, he called for the process to move on to a higher plane to consolidate greater cooperation in the ASEAN framework. He observed that the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth has promoted the development of a network of relationships among ASEAN countries. The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar which were attending the Meeting for the first time and expressed his hope that the Meeting will further strengthen ASEAN solidarity.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. The Meeting adopted the Agenda which appears **ANNEX 2**.

AGENDA ITEM 4: BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS

6. The Meeting was held in plenary.

GENDA ITEM 5: STATEMENTS BY THE MINISTERS AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF ASEAN

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H.E. Pehin Orang Kaya Digadong Seri Lela Dato Seri Paduka Haji ng Hussain, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Brunei Darussalam, ered his statement which appears as **ANNEX 3**.

Indonesia

8. H.E. Mr. Hayono Isman, State Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Republic of Indonesia, delivered his statement which appears as **ANNEX 4**.

Laos

9. H.E. Mr. Phongsanee Gnouttitham, Deputy Secretary-General of the Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union, delivered his statement which appears as **ANNEX 5**.

Myanmar

10. H.E. U Than Shwe, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office of Myanmar, delivered his statement which appears as **ANNEX 6**.

Philippines

11. H.E. Mrs. Amina Rasul Bernardo, Presidential Advisor for Youth Affairs of the Philippines, delivered her statement which appears as **ANNEX 7**.

Singapore

12. H.E. Mr. Lim Hng Kiang, Minister for National Development, Second Minister for Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the National Youth Council of Singapore, delivered his statement which appears as **ANNEX 8**.

Thailand

13. H.E. Mr. Prasit Damrongchai, Permanent Secretary to the Prime Minister of Thailand, delivered his statement which appears as **ANNEX 9**.

Vietnam

14. H.E. Mr. Vu Trong Kim, Chairman of the Vietnam National Youth Committee, delivered his statement which appears as **ANNEX 10**.

Secretary-General of ASEAN

15. H. E. Dato' Ajit Singh, Secretary-General of ASEAN, delivered his statement which appears as **ANNEX 11**.

Malaysia

16. H.E. Dato' Loke Yuen Yow, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports of Malaysia, delivered his statement which appears as **ANNEX 12**.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OVERVIEW OF ASY ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE THE FIRST ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON YOUTH

17. The Meeting noted with appreciation the ASY Chairman's Report on the Overview of ASY Accomplishments Since the First ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth, which appears as **ANNEX 13** and expressed satisfaction at the progress made by the ASY since 1992.

18. The Meeting requested the ASY to consider the following measures to ensure the successful implementation of ASEAN youth policy:

a. adopt a programme approach in developing regional projects in order to ensure that the impact of ASY projects will be maximised and sustained through the following strategies:

- avoid fragmentation in the formulation of projects and activities by developing coherent, mutually reinforcing programmes in line with AMMY priorities;
- enhance co-ordination with relevant ASEAN bodies to ensure synergy and to avoid duplication;
- to identify and formulate projects based on comprehensive and objective assessments of the needs and problems to be addressed at the regional level;

b. further strengthen existing networks to promote the exchange of information on youth activities, training opportunities and experiences; and

c. enhance NGO participation in the activities of the ASY, particularly to further promote the involvement of the Committee on ASEAN Youth Cooperation (CAYC) in ASY activities.

AGENDA ITEM 7: CONSIDERATION OF THE SOM REPORT

19. The Meeting noted the Report of the ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting for the Second ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 14 to 15 November 1997, which appears as **ANNEX 14.**

AGENDA ITEM 8: ASEAN YOUTH HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

20. The Meeting noted the revised proposal, ASEAN Youth Human Resource Development Programme, prepared by Malaysia which appears as **ANNEX 15** and agreed that a human resources development programme should be developed in view of the importance of education and training for youth development.

21. The Meeting welcomed with appreciation the offer of Malaysia to make available its training facilities to ASEAN Member Countries.

22. The Meeting agreed to request the ASEAN Sub-Committee on Youth to undertake a feasibility study in collaboration with the ASEAN Secretariat, based on Malaysia's proposal, to look into, inter alia, the following:

a. review and assess the existing education and training programmes under SEAMEO, the ASEAN University Network, and relevant activities under the ASEAN Sub-Committee on Labour Affairs;

b. identify co-operative activities in training which are consistent with the mandate and resources of the ministries responsible for youth matters in the ASEAN Member Countries;

c. identify priority programme areas; and

d. identify national training institutions which could be elevated to regional centres of excellence to promote the sharing of training resources and expertise.

AGENDA ITEM 9: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE KUALA LUMPUR AGENDA ON ASEAN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

23. The Meeting considered and adopted the revised Kuala Lumpur Agenda on ASEAN Youth Development which appears as **ANNEX 16.** The Meeting requested the ASEAN Sub-Committee on Youth to initiate measures to implement the Kuala Lumpur Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 10: FREQUENCY OF AMMY MEETING AND DATE AND VENUE OF AMMY III

24. The Meeting agreed that the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth should meet once every two to three years, and informally in between, as and when necessary.

25. The Meeting agreed that the Third ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth will be held in Myanmar in the year 2000.

AGENDA ITEM 11: OTHER MATTERS

26. The Meeting noted the Philippines' Discussion Paper on "The Need for an ASEAN Agenda for the World Conference of World Ministers Responsible for Youth", and agreed that the discussion paper, which appears as **ANNEX 17**, be submitted to the 15th ASY Meeting for consideration.

27. The Meeting also noted Indonesia's Paper, "Youth Industrial Park", which appears as **ANNEX 18.**

28. To further promote networking among ASEAN youth organisations and youth travel in the region, the Ministers agreed to request the ASEAN Sub-Committee on Youth to explore the possibility of :

a. enabling youth organisations to exchange information with the use of computers, and linking the various youth organisations on the Internet through the ASEANWEB; and

b. introducing special fares and tour packages for ASEAN youth to foster greater ASEAN awareness.

AGENDA ITEM 12: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE JOINT PRESS STATEMENT

29. The Meeting considered and adopted the Joint Press Statement which appears as **ANNEX 19.**

AGENDA ITEM 13: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

30. The Meeting considered and adopted the Report of the Second ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 17 to 18 November 1997.

AGENDA ITEM 14: CLOSING REMARKS

31. H.E. Tan Sri Dato' Hj. Muhyiddin Hj. Mohd. Yassin, Minister of Youth and Sports of Malaysia, stated in his closing remarks that the Meeting proceeded smoothly and successfully with the excellent cooperation and commitment of the Ministers. He took the opportunity to thank the Ministers for attending the Meeting despite their busy schedules, and wished them a pleasant stay in Malaysia and a safe journey home.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

32. The Meeting expressed its sincere appreciation to the people and Government of Malaysia for the generous hospitality and the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.

33. The Meeting expressed its sincere appreciation to the ASEAN Secretariat for its invaluable contributions to the Meeting.

34. The Meeting was held in the traditional spirit of ASEAN cordiality and solidarity.

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KUALA LUMPUR AGENDA

ON ASEAN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

WE, THE ASEAN MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUTH MATTERS;

Aware that ASEAN was established to accelerate the economic growth, social progress and cultural development in the region through joint endeavours in the spirit of equality and partnership in order to strengthen the foundation for a prosperous and peaceful community of Southeast Asian Nations;

Realising that ASEAN has an important role in promoting regional peace and stability, human development as well as rapid economic growth and industrialisation;

Mindful that the youth of ASEAN represent a large proportion of the ASEAN population and are a vast and dynamic resource for national and regional development;

Recognising the importance of youth participation in the formulation and implementation of national development policies;

Considering the opportunities and facilities available for comprehensive youth development in the region;

Reaffirming the Bangkok Declaration of Principles to Strengthening ASEAN Collaboration on Youth of 1983, the Jakarta Declaration of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on

Youth in 1992, Singapore Declaration of 1992, and the Bangkok Summit Declaration of 1995; and

Anticipating the challenges and opportunities of globalisation and its impact on the region's youth.

DO HEREBY DECLARE:

First, that the aims of the ASEAN Youth Policy are:

1. To pursue continuous peace and solidarity, progress and prosperity in the ASEAN region through the positive, active and proactive participation of ASEAN youth, in the spirit of ASEAN fraternity;

2. To prepare and empower ASEAN youth to meet the challenges of globalisation in the 21st century: and

3. To actively promote the understanding of sustainable and balanced development among the younger generation.

Second, that to carry out these aims, Member Countries shall be guided by the following strategies:

1. To formulate programmes and activities to strengthen regional solidarity, stability, prosperity and identity;

2. To inculcate the sharing of values, responsibilities and a common vision, and ASEAN fraternity among the young generation;

3. To enhance the spiritual, moral and cultural values of the youth in order for them to cope with the future challenges of rapid development and globalisation;

4. To equip the youth with appropriate skills and competencies in order to ensure the region's competitiveness; and

5. To foster the development of leadership, human values, entrepreneurship and communication skills and the spirit of voluntarism.

Third, that the priority areas of concern are:

1. The strengthening of ASEAN awareness;

2. The promotion of human resource development in line with the rapid economic growth of the region;

3. The attainment of equitable and sustainable development;

4. The enhancement of youth-related research and development (R&D) and the sharing of science, technology and information through effective networking;

5. The preservation and promotion of ASEAN cultural forms and values;

6. The promotion of youth development as an integral part of national development; and

7. The promotion of the participation of the NGOs in youth activities.

Fourth, that in implementing the Kuala Lumpur Agenda, there is a need to strengthen national and regional coordination and networking system of the various government, non-government, and other youth organisations.

DONE in Kuala Lumpur on the Seventeenth Day of November in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Seven.

FOR BRUNEI DARUSSALAM:

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State Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports

FOR THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC:

Phongsanee Gnouttitham
Deputy Secretary General of the Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union

FOR MALAYSIA:

Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin b. Hj. Mohd. Yassin
Minister of Youth and Sports

FOR THE UNION OF MYANMAR:

U Than Shwe
Minister for Prime Minister's Office
and Central Executive Commitee Member of Union
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FOR THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES:

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FOR THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE:

Koo Tsai Kee
Parliamentary Secretary for National Development

FOR THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND:

Prasit Damrongchai
Permanent Secretary to Prime Minister

FOR THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM:

Vu Trong Kim
Chairman of the Vietnam National Youth Commitee